

## **RELIEF DISTRIBUTION IN COVID19 PANDEMIC**

Socio Economic Health & Agricultural Development Association (SEHADA) is a non-government, not-for-profit organization, founded by a group of grass root level women activists. The organization working in the Jharsuguda district since 1992. The major focus of the organization is women and child rights. Also its works on sustainability development on community level. During Covid-19 Pandemic, organization learnt that this types of situation never faced by the people. In this situation, mainly small and petty business men, daily wagers, auto drivers, rickshaw pullers, taxi drivers facing a lot of problem who has not enrolled in any social security schemes. So for the future preparedness, Government should take necessary steps to ensure for social security schemes for the above targeted people.

Due to sudden declaration of lock down, the slum dwellers could not prepared themselves for their livelihood as a result of now in almost slum dwellers were depending on domestic work, small vegetable vending, auto rickshaw puller, trolley puller, daily wage labour, coolie for the earning. Now the above group were most living in vulnerable condition and they were struggling for two times meals. However some CBOs and individual Volunteers came forward to provide cooked food, but this is limited in the area bus stand, rail way station and main road. Nobody came to slums area to providing any type of



support. Similarly the Municipality were providing cooked food only to the migrant labours of other states at Jharsuguda. In that scenario, the state government had declared the different types of support for different category like ration card holders will get 5 kg per head for 3 month and Rs 1000/-cash support per ration card. Construction workers will get Rs 1500/-very shortly. Also pension holders (widow, disable, old age etc.) will receive 3 month advance pension. Registered street vendors will get Rs 3000/-cash support, but no of families were covered under this above categories, they didn't eligible for

any get support from government. In this situation, SEHADA supported 300 families who were most vulnerable, who have not cover under any social security scheme neither any Agency come forward to support them.

SEHADA had distributed the dry ration and nutrition food to slum dwellers families in following details. During distribution of dry ration, firstly SEHADA staff created awareness to that people on social distancing and other preventive measures for Covid 19 Pandemic.

Apart from this SEHADA has undertaken the following activities in Covid 19 Pandemic.

- Psychosocial Counseling at Quarantine centre
- Dry nutrition food and sanitary items provided to 233 vulnerable children
- Declared as Nodal organization by Collector for coordinating all NGOs COVID response
- Coordinating with district administration for send back migrant labours to their home state
- Rescue the distress women and children

